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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Van Barlow et al.
Serial No. : 10/017,746
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For : COATED STAPLE AND FASTENING TOOL FOR THE SAME
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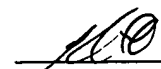
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, wherein the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-15.

A check in the amount of \$170.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the appeal fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0930.

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